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A deluge all night, and still steadily pouring down today. This weather will more than ever satisfy those who attribute these wretched conditions to atmospheric disturbances caused by the explosion of A and H bombs.

Reading Pompei Momnei's magesterial History of Venice.

Pierre Brisson, Harold Callender, the Robert Gérards, Bettina Ballard of Vogue, Sophie Sturgis, and Lollie Larivière came to lunch. Lollie has about a thousand bottles of Chateau Cheval Blanc 1934, and I served the same vintage to try to persuade her it had passed its peak and she should take advantage of an offer to dispose of it at a high price.

Pierre is greatly concerned over the Moroccan riots and killings which have recently taken place in Fez and Fort Lyautey. He believes Mendès will end by sponsoring the present EDC treaty text. (From our reports, Mendès is still inclining against doing so.) Callender is sceptical about the ultimate decision on the treaty. At any rate, the answer will soon be known.

Lots of talk about Dior's new look which will play down the female bosom.

Discussed Roman frescoes in French churches with Gérard, who is an expert on the subject.

We spent the night at Versailles.

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